

Iowa General Election Turnout Statistics: 1982 - Present

Year	Highest Office on Ballot	Candidates ¹	Total Votes for Office	Voter Turnout ²	Number of Registered Voters ³	Turnout Compared to Registration
1982	Governor	Branstad (R) – Conlin (D)	1,038,229	1,050,495	1,605,601	65.43%
1984	President	Reagan (R) – Mondale (D)	1,319,805	1,339,886	1,762,841	76.01%
1986	Governor	Branstad (R) – Junkins (D)	910,623	922,094	1,621,977	56.85%
1988	President	Dukakis (D) – Bush (R)	1,225,614	1,240,854	1,688,636	73.48%
1990	Governor	Branstad (R) – Avenson (D)	976,483	1,004,908	1,583,388	63.47%
1992	President	Clinton (D) – Bush (R)	1,354,607	1,371,979	1,709,854	80.24%
1994	Governor	Branstad (R) – Campbell (D)	997,248	1,022,372	1,640,533	62.32%
1996	President	Clinton (D) – Dole (R)	1,234,075	1,251,983	1,789,365	69.97%
1998	Governor	Vilsack (D) – Lightfoot (R)	956,415	973,032	1,873,090	51.95%
2000	President	Gore (D) – Bush (R)	1,315,563	1,328,067	1,947,415	68.20%
2002	Governor	Vilsack (D) – Gross (R)	1,025,802	1,040,201	1,976,705	52.62%
2004	President	Bush (R) – Kerry (D)	1,506,908	1,521,966	2,137,830	71.19%
2006	Governor	Culver (D) – Nussle (R)	1,059,064	1,071,509	2,080,330	51.51%
2008	President	Obama (D) – McCain (R)	1,543,662	1,546,453	2,169,682	71.28%
2010	Governor	Culver (D) – Branstad (R)	1,133,430	1,133,430	2,124,742	53.34%

1. Listed are the two candidates who received the highest number of votes. The candidate who received the most votes is listed first.

2. Turnout statistics from 1980 – 1992 were taken from demographic reports produced several months after the election. Beginning in 1994, actual turnout statistics were collected. Beginning in 2010, voter turnout was calculated using total ballots cast.

3. Figures are based on the number of registered voters on December 1 following the General Election. (Voter registration totals from 1982 and 1992 are from later in the month because data is unavailable for December 1.)